

SAINT ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 4, 2022 - 8:00 AM
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

*The Order of Worship is in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP).
At the sound of the bell, please stand as you are able.*

Opening Acclamation		BCP 323
Collect for Purity		BCP 323
The Gloria		BCP 324
The Collect of the Day		BCP 159
The First Lesson	<i>Please be seated. The Lessons are printed on the next page.</i>	Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72 vv 1-7	<i>The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse.</i>	BCP 685
The Second Lesson		Romans 15:4-13
The Holy Gospel	<i>Please stand as you are able.</i>	Matthew 3:1-12
The Sermon	<i>Please be seated.</i>	The Rev. Russell Bohner
Nicene Creed	<i>Please stand as you are able.</i>	BCP 326
Prayers of the People	<i>During the Prayers and Confession, please kneel or stand as you prefer.</i>	BCP 328
The Confession		BCP 330
The Peace	<i>The ministers and people greet each other in the name of the Lord.</i>	BCP 332
The Offertory	<i>At the Presentation of the gifts: Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord. People: And of thine own, have we given thee. Amen.</i>	
The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer II	<i>Please kneel or stand as you prefer.</i>	BCP 340
The Lord's Prayer		BCP 336
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP 337
Communion of the Faithful	<i>Gluten-free wafers are available on request.</i>	
Post-Communion Prayer		BCP 339
The Blessing		
Birthdays & Anniversaries		BCP 830
O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.		
Announcements		
Dismissal		BCP 340

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND LESSON: Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

WELCOME TO SAINT ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

If you are visiting and would like more information about Saint Anne's, please complete the yellow card found in the pew and place it in the Offering box or hand it to a priest.

Family Christmas Gifts Project

This Christmas, Saint Anne's is once again collaborating with parishioner Erin Rideout and the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence to support mothers and children affected by domestic violence. Our church has adopted 65 families, which altogether includes 65 mothers, 135 children, and one dog, and agreed to provide Christmas gifts—both practical and playful—for each of these 65 families. Details are in *The Messenger*. If you wish to adopt a family, please contact Julie Quackenbush: juliehollo@yahoo.com or 202-841-1990.

Thank you for helping each of these families receive a Christmas blessing.

Parish Prayers

We pray for Meta Barrow, David Beck, Jim Bernieri, Mary Crandall, Maria Cruz, Marna Diassi, Andy Dill, Mark Ferguson, Adley Francisco, Rollyn Freeman, Barbara Hickey, Marty Hipp, Joan Hyer, Velma Johnson, Katherine Lind, Rachel Machulski, Ott Menzen, Sue Osborn, Delores Seip, Ron Truitt, Janet Vines, Esther Ward, Phylcia Wittock, Alex, Andrea, Loris, Phyllis, and Sarah. We pray for Henry George Russell and Cynthia who have died.

In the Episcopal Church in Delaware, we pray for Saint Anne's and Saint Andrew's Schools and St. Peter's Church, Smyrna.

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East.

For Church activities and announcements, please read *The Messenger*, which is posted on the website: www.SaintAnnes.Church. To receive *The Messenger* via email, please call the Church Office at 302-378-2401.



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Church Calendar for the week of December 4, 2022

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Sunday, Dec 4 – The Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist: Rite I—8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist: Rite II—9:30 AM

This service is in-person and Broadcast Live through the Church Website & Facebook Page

Fellowship—*immediately following the 9:30 service*—Great Hall

Children's Sunday School—10:45 AM to 11:15 AM—*downstairs classrooms*

Choir Rehearsal—10:45 AM—Sanctuary

Youth Group High School—6:00 PM

Tuesday, Dec 6

Deliver food to Our Daily Bread—9:30 AM

Centering Prayer by Zoom—6:00 PM

Saint Anne's Women's Book Club by Zoom—7:15 PM

Wednesday, Dec 7

Bell Choir Rehearsal—6:00 PM—Sanctuary

Thursday, Dec 8

Bible Study by Zoom—8:00 AM

Evening Prayer—5:30 PM—Chapel

Sunday, Dec 11 – The Third Sunday of Advent

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Rector: The Rev. Russell Bohner, TSSF

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